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- **17.1 Brief Pharmacology:** Depresses sensation of pain, may cause CNS stimulation producing excitement and erratic behavior.
- **17.2 Drug Group Examples:** Cocaine, procaine, benzocaine, tetracaine, lidocaine, as well as the isomers of cocaine such as pseudococaine, allococaine, pseudoallococaine.

## 17.3 Scheduling:

- Schedule II cocaine
- Schedule VI or non-controlled, depending on their packaging procaine, lidocaine, benzocaine and tetracaine

### 17.4 Extraction:

- 17.4.1 May be extracted from basic aqueous solutions with organic solvents.
- 17.4.2 May be dry extracted with methanol or other organic solvents.

## 17.5 Color Test Results:

- 17.1.1 Co(SCN)<sub>2</sub> Results
  - Cocaine HCl, lidocaine, procaine, tetracaine, benzocaine blue precipitate
  - PCP, heroin and other compounds, including flour weak blue
- 17.1.2 SnCl<sub>2</sub> Modification to Co(SCN)<sub>2</sub> Results
  - 17.5.1.1 This test can help to distinguish between some "caines".
    - Cocaine salt + Co(SCN)<sub>2</sub> blue precipitate forms
    - If SnCl<sub>2</sub> is added to the spot well, the blue color remains in the presence of cocaine salt, but the blue color will fade with some other "caines".
  - 17.5.1.2 This test may also aid in distinguishing cocaine base:
    - Cocaine base + Co(SCN)<sub>2</sub> no reaction
    - Upon the addition of the SnCl<sub>2</sub> reagent which contains HCl, a blue precipitate readily forms and remains.
- 17.5.2 Scott's Modification of Ruybal's test for Cocaine Results
  - 17.5.2.1 May get false positive with lidocaine and diethylpropion.
  - 17.1.2.1 Sample is placed in Co(SCN)<sub>2</sub> solution to give blue precipitate. Concentrated HC1 is added (1 drop) to make the precipitate disappear and give a pink solution. CHCl<sub>3</sub> is added, and the mixture is shaken. The CHCl<sub>3</sub> layer turns blue in the presence of cocaine.
- 17.1.3 Bate's Modification to Co(SCN)<sub>2</sub> Results
  - 17.5.2.2 This test may aid in distinguishing cocaine base from its salts:
    - Cocaine base + Co(SCN)<sub>2</sub> No Reaction

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• Upon the addition of Marquis reagent, a blue precipitate readily forms and remains.

#### 17.6 TLC:

- 17.6.1 Baths: TLC1, TLC2, TLC3, TLC4 and TLC5 are recommended.
  - PCP migrates similar to cocaine if the baths are not fresh or if samples are very concentrated.
  - Cocaine and tetracaine separate if baths are fresh.
  - Lidocaine migrates close to cocaine in 18:1 but not in 9:1.
- 17.6.2 Detection sprays:
  - 17.6.2.1 Iodoplatinate, results may be enhanced by overspraying with ceric sulfate.
  - 17.6.2.2 Ehrlich's: Procaine and benzocaine are yellow if the plate is oversprayed.

## 17.7 UV:

17.7.1 Cocaine – maximum at 232 nm in acid

### 17.8 FTIR:

- 17.8.1 FTIR is the most easily performed and definitive method for distinguishing cocaine base from its salts.
- 17.8.2 Base determinations will be routinely performed in the following types of cases:
  - The weight of cocaine is over 250 grams
  - The officer has requested cocaine base analysis for possible federal prosecution
  - Task Force or Interdiction cases, when required
  - Cases from certain jurisdictions involving firearms
- 17.8.3 Sample preparation:
  - KBr pellet
  - Reflectance / Absorbance with Microscope attachment
  - ATR
- 17.8.4 Dry extraction with high purity n-pentane or n-hexane will distinguish cocaine base from its salts.
- 17.8.5 Further extractions based on solubility differences between the cocaine and excipients may be required.
- 17.8.6 Reporting
  - 17.8.6.1 Materials containing cocaine base (including mixtures of cocaine base and cocaine hydrochloride) will be reported as "Cocaine base."
  - 17.8.6.2 Materials containing cocaine hydrochloride (unless mixed with cocaine base) will be reported as "Cocaine Hydrochloride."

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# 17.9 Quantitation:

- 17.9.1 Cocaine Quantitation (Free Base Equivalent)
  - 17.9.1.1 See GC section 10 for general quantitation procedure.
  - 17.9.1.2 Reagents:
    - Methylene Chloride or Chloroform
    - Dicyclohexylphthalate (DCHP)
    - Cocaine HCl 100% (USP, Alltech)
  - 17.9.1.3 Internal Standard Solution:
    - 17.9.1.3.1 Prepare a sufficient volume to dilute the cocaine standard solution and all samples.
    - 17.9.1.3.2 Prepare a 1.5 2 mg/mL solution of DCHP in methylene chloride or chloroform in the appropriate volumetric flask.
  - 17.9.1.4 Cocaine Standard Solution:
    - 17.9.1.4.1 Weigh 10 mg of cocaine HCl and transfer to a 10 mL volumetric flask with internal standard solution. This results in a solution of 1 mg/mL cocaine HCl in internal standard solution.
    - 17.9.1.4.2 Prepare a solution of another concentration within the linear range in the same manner to use as the check standard.
  - 17.9.1.5 Mathematical Conversion:

To convert cocaine HCl to free base, multiply the weight amount of cocaine HCl by 0.893 (303.4 F.B./339.8 HCl). This will give the free base weight of cocaine in the standard solution. A label indicating mg/mL of cocaine free base standard should be placed on the standard solution vial.

17.9.1.6 Sample Preparation:

Weigh approximately 10 mg of sample into a test tube. Dilute with internal standard to appropriate volume.

- 17.9.1.7 GC parameters:
  - Column: 15 m HP-1 or HP-5 capillary (0.25 mm i.d, 0.25 µm film thickness)
  - Oven temperature: 220 245 °C
  - FID temperature: 270°C
- 17.9.1.8 Cocaine elutes prior to DCHP.
- 17.9.2 Cocaine Quantitation
  - 17.9.2.1 See GC section 10 for general quantitation procedure.
  - 17.9.2.2 Reagents:
    - Methylene Chloride or Chloroform

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- Cocaine HCl 100% (USP, Alltech)

### 17.9.2.3 Internal Standard Solution:

- 17.9.2.3.1 Prepare a sufficient volume to dilute the cocaine standard solution and all samples.
- 17.9.2.3.2 Prepare a 1.5 2 mg/mL solution of DCHP in methylene chloride or chloroform in the appropriate volumetric flask.

## 17.9.2.4 Cocaine Standard Solutions:

- 17.9.2.4.1 Weigh ~ 10 mg of cocaine HCl and transfer to a 10 mL volumetric flask with internal standard solution. Dilute to mark with internal standard solution. This results in a solution of 1.0 mg/mL cocaine HCl in internal standard solution.
- 17.9.2.4.2 Prepare a solution of another concentration in the same manner to use as the check standard.

# 17.9.2.5 Sample preparation:

Weigh approximately 10 mg of sample into appropriate volumetric glassware. Dilute with internal standard solution to appropriate volume.

## 17.9.2.6 GC parameters:

• Column: 15 m HP-1 or HP-5 capillary (0.25 mm i.d, 0.25 µm film thickness)

• Oven temperature: 220 – 245 °C

• FID temperature: 270°C

# 17.9.2.7 Cocaine elutes prior to DCHP.

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